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Government of Madras.

Revenue Department.

Memo No.30168 R/51-5, dated 16-10-1951.

Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act, 1947- Payments to landholders-Delay in Chittoor district- explanation of the Collector.

From Sri C. Ramachandran, Collector of Chittoor, Pil.K2-1409/51, d/ 20-6-51.
From the Board of Revenue, B.P.Rt.1441 Confdl., d/ 24-7-51.

While reviewing the progress of collection of rents under the Rent Reduction Act upto the end of February, 1951, the Government observed that the payment to the landholders under section 3(4) of the Act in the Chittoor district, was unsatisfactory. The Collection made in the district upto that date was Rs.3.19 lakhs, but the amount paid to landholders came to only Rs.20.197/-. The Board of Revenue has obtained the explanation of the Collector concerned, namely Sri C. Ramachandran, and submitted it to the Government. The Government have perused the explanation of the Collector.

2. It is noticed that the Collector was under the impression that the collections made in taken-over estates immediately prior to the notified date should not be included in the D.C.B. statement under the Rent Reduction Act and that therefore there was no question of payments be ng made from these collections. It should have been quite obvious that such collections should continue to be shown only in the D.C.B. statement under the Rent Reduction Act until they were finally either adjusted a ainst collection charges and Government dues or paid to the landholders. The Collector ought to have understood, and adopted the proper procedure in the matter.

3. Another reason which the Collector has given for the poor payments is that the collections in several estates are not substantial to warrant the ordering of payments. The Collector should have realised that even small sums would be of considerable importance to small landholders and that payments should be made in every possible case however small the amounts might be.

had been fully made clear in its Ref.Rt.No.627 dated 4-12-1950 accordin· to which, Collections made in estates covered bv stay orders should be adjusted in the first instance a ainst collection charges and Government dues in full, and the balance, if any, should be paid to landholders if they were willing to receive it. If only the Collector had paid attention to these instructions he need not have waited for the receipt of instructions to make these adjustments.

5. In the circumstances stated, the Government consider that the xxxxx excuses put forth by the Collector are far from convincing. Before putting down anything in a report to the Board or the Government in a matter of importance, he should satisfy himself about its relevance. He is warned to be more careful in his replies in such matters and to pay closer attention to the work on k hand.

S.K. Chettur,
Secretary to Government.

To
Sri C. Ramachandran, M.A., I.A.S Collector of Chittoor, Chittoor.

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